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Chicago's Great Scheme.

It took Chicago a long time and at

great expenditure of money to construct

a canal from Lake Michigan to the Illinois

river to carry the waters of the lake

back from the point of intake of the

city's water supply, so as to protect

that supply from contamination by the

sewage. It was a great undertaking,

but now that it has been accomplished

and the purpose fulfilled, for which it

was constructed, she wants to present

this \$33,000,000 canal to the United States

on condition that if it shall be accepted

it shall be converted into a ship water-

way from Lake Michigan to the Missis-

sippi, with a channel of eighteen feet

depth, for vessels of large tonnage.

In discussing this proposition the New

York Times intimates that it is not al-

together as feasible as it looks. "The

sanction of Congress," it says, "must

be obtained before this gift is accepted

under the conditions proposed. In con-

sidering the proposition Congress would

possibly discover that before getting an

eighteen-foot channel through Chi-

cago enormous expense, immediate and

dependent upon litigation, would have

to be incurred in lowering the tunnels

that now offer an obstacle to the mak-

ing of a ship canal. Property of great

value would be injured, perhaps, and the

United States subjected to resultant

damages.

Then the Illinois river, now naviga-

ble for most of its length by vessels of

the lightest draught only, would have

to be deepened, unquestionably at great

cost, certainly not less than the original

cost of the drainage canal. Having

provided a channel to the Mississippi

for vessels of sixteen and seventeen

feet draught, it would be manifestly

useless to take vessels through it that

could go no further, even with the help

of the stilts sometimes employed as

aids to navigation on the Illinois. That

the Mississippi would have to be con-

siderably deepened between St. Louis

and the Gulf, for at least a large part

of that long distance, may be inferred

from the fact that when, a few years

ago, Secretary Long consented to send

to St. Louis, to be present on an impor-

tant occasion, a vessel of the navy, he

selected the gunboat Helena, drawing

ten feet, as the largest vessel that could

be depended upon to reach St. Louis

without grounding and to return to the

Gulf.

The scheme is an ambitious one. It

may be practicable. It certainly will be

expensive. It will involve, perhaps, the

question whether it will be wise to draw

from Lake Michigan a large volume of

water than is now going out through

the drainage canal. Upon Chicago will

rest the burden of accompanying its offer

by arguments to show that it is al-

together a feasible scheme and one

worth the millions that must be ex-

pended to make it practicable and of

value to the whole country. If the gift

is accepted the United States will be

accepted lift from Chicago the trouble and

expense of maintaining the drainage

canal."

Overthrow of Bryanism in Utah.

The New York Sun in replying to a

correspondent's inquiry as to the cause

of the great political change in Utah

when Bryan's plurality of over 50,000

in 1896, was converted into a plurality

of 4,500 for McKinley in 1900, does not,

according to the American Economist,

elucidate sufficiently. The Sun con-

cludes its answer as follows:

The overthrow of Bryanism in Utah is

a subject for wonder as well as for grati-

tude. The mining districts, which were

expected by the Bryanite managers to

return heavy Democratic pluralities, ap-

pear to have been close, while the agricul-

tural and stock-raising countries went

heavily for McKinley and Prosperity.

We invite our correspondent's attention,

however, to the fact that the change of

political sentiment which he regards as so

sudden and inexplicable has been going on

ites in 1900. Equally pertinent would be the query as to the cause of the tremendous reversal in thirteen far western states, in which McKinley's plurality rose from 10,500 in 1896 to more than 130,000 in 1900, while Bryan's pluralities of 250,000 in 1896 fell to 47,000 in 1900, McKinley carrying nine of these states this year against only three carried for him four years ago. Why was there such an overwhelming upheaval of political sentiment in these states? The plain truth of the matter is that in these thirteen states, Utah included, protection and prosperity was the paramount issue. This is the answer which the Sun might, could and should have given to its correspondent. It is an explanation which explains.

Our Coal Abroad.

Consul General Frank H. Mason, at Berlin, Germany, writes that there can be no question of the superiority of American coal, which is gaining a foothold in Germany, as well as other European countries. Consul General Mason recounts the incidents that gradually awakened Germany to the unquestioned superiority of American coal. A test of Ohio coal on the Bavarian State railway proved it superior to the best of native coal, the great trans-Atlantic German steamship lines were found to be using the American article exclusively, and the big Deutschland, before setting out to break the speed record, filled up her coal bunkers at New York.

"There was no argument against these facts," says Mr. Mason, "and when a short time ago it was announced that West Virginia gas coal had been tested at Hamburg, and found superior to the Cardiff standard, the conclusion became unavoidable that only scarcity of tonnage and exorbitant freight stand between the coal famine prices in Germany and the exhaustless deposits of the United States."

In the last issue of the Coal Trade Journal, there appeared a letter from Colonel W. P. Rend, a large operator, to the editor, about West Virginia coal, in which he says: "I lately had some tests made of some of the best Welsh coals at the University of West Virginia, with a view of determining the calorific efficiency of these coals compared with West Virginia coals. So far, the result has been favorable to the West Virginia coal. I intend having further and more extensive tests made, and shall send you the ascertained results. Almost every issue of your paper contains valuable information pertaining to the exportation of American coal to the European markets. This subject has become one of intense interest to the American public. It seems to me that it is only necessary to build and own American ships for the exportation of our coal, to enable us to command the markets of the Mediterranean Sea and of South America."

Virginia's Slow Growth.

The Richmond Dispatch is bemoaning the fact that she will lose part of her representation in Congress when the reapportionment under the new census is made. She now elects ten congressmen, but if the reapportionment is made on the basis of 229,000 population for every member of Congress, her representation will be cut down to nine. In explaining the cause of this slow growth, the Dispatch says: "As for Virginia, there can be no doubt that we have failed to make such gains in population as the average state has made, because so many of our people have removed to other parts of the Union. The negroes, especially, have left us in great numbers. That we believe will be clearly shown when the census tables of our eastern counties for 1900 are compared with those of 1890 and 1880."

If the negro had been more fairly treated we do not think he would have been so anxious to leave the state. He had no chance to rise under the kind of government administered by the Democracy of the Old Dominion and as a consequence the negro has sought a more congenial clime. West Virginia has, no doubt, gained largely from this exodus, and on account of it and the encouragement she has given to other strangers seeking a home with us, has been enabled to not only retain her old representation in Congress but will undoubtedly gain an additional member under the same ratio that deprives the mother state of one member.

Prospects for a Flood.

While there is no occasion for any serious alarm at present, there is no doubt but what the situation above is anything but encouraging. From Pittsburgh to the headwaters of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, it has been raining heavily and both streams as a consequence are rising rapidly. Below Pittsburgh to Cincinnati the tributaries of the Ohio are pouring out their waters with a flood stage below Parkersburg, so with high water below us and plenty coming from above, Wheeling will be lucky indeed, to escape without some ill effects from the rising tide.

The foreign envoys in Pekin have decided on the terms of the treaty with China, and it is hoped some semblance of order will be restored in the flowery kingdom.

Now that Kruger is in France the people of that country are puzzled as to what to do to aid his schemes without giving offense to Great Britain.

The late rains are proving to have been too much of a good thing, as the Ohio is rapidly rising to flood height.

General Wheeler claims the army canteen is being done away with by the introduction of the Y. M. C. A.

We are glad to be assured that the smallpox situation in Harrison county has been greatly exaggerated.

No Impossibilities in This Country.

Cleveland Leader: The making of deep ocean telegraph cables is an art which has heretofore been confined to one or two European cities. But expansion, to the United States, means more than the expansion of territory and commerce. Cables are needed to connect the Philippine Islands immediately. The United States has already made more than five hundred miles of it and shipped it to the Philippines on a vessel which will lay it. There are no impossibilities in this country.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

There is a family in this town whose daughters only have young lawyers as beaux. Whether it is merely incidental, or because no other kind are wanted, it's not known. It is amusing.—Morgantown Post.

A "passwar" is on between the newspapers and theatres of Pittsburgh, which has resulted in a total suspension of the complimentary exchange of courtesies—or rather, the courteous exchange of complimentary—between these two great engines of civilization in the Smoky City. The poor newspaper editors, who have themselves with the thought that in the line of the gay subterfuge, there is one thing that even hard-hearted managers can not hinder from passing, and that is time.—Pittsburgh News.

Parkersburg and Wheeling newspapers are disputing as to which city was the worst "police" force. Each town claims that its own has the worst. The spirit of rivalry is a peculiar thing.—Point Pleasant Gazette.

A large screech owl was caught last night in the lecture room at State street church, by Rev. M. F. Compton and the sexton, and the night porter is now on exhibition at the paragon and is attracting a good deal of attention.—Charleston Mail Tribune.

This state is entitled to an additional congressman under the new distribution. Great skill should be used in laying off the districts, because this is a "ticklish plant."—Pittsburgh Republican.

A preacher in southern Missouri, after having announced that he would preach the following Sunday on "Hell and Who Will Go There," received several letters from parishioners threatening dire vengeance in case he dared to make use of their names.—Fairmont West Virginian.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Most ministers seem to think heaven is a place to loaf in.

After a woman loves a man beyond a certain point she never trusts him.

Men make religion of their politics. Women make politics of their religion.

All women are naturally cruel; they can see that by the way they wash their babies.

Whenever one woman is going to kiss another woman she ought to be made to ring a bell.

The average advice that you give other people is about as useless as saying "Look before you leap" to a blind frog.

As soon as a woman gets one baby she begins to act like she thought of the men on earth ought to stand around for her.

Probably the most inhuman thing in the world, next to a baby when it tries to smile, is the faces a woman makes when she is crying.

When a woman is after a man it always reads in the eyes of a poker game. When she looks most melancholy she is generally surest of her hand.

No man ever remembers what he said when he proposed. The reason is that most men don't propose, only the girl makes them believe they have.—New York Press.

Look Out for Bad Pennies.

Boston Herald: It is somewhat surprising to read in the report of the treasurer of the United States that the coin of the realm that is most extensively counterfeited nowadays is not the silver and nickel pieces, but the copper one-cent pieces. During the year there were detected and destroyed at the office of the treasury \$1,146 in counterfeit silver coins, notes and certificates, 3,271 five-cent pieces and 121,632 one-cent pieces, and the number of spurious minor coins in circulation is rising rapidly on the increase. Counterfeit gold coins are rare, only thirteen having been presented at the treasury during the year. It looks as if the counterfeiters were putting themselves to a good deal of trouble at a very small profit.

The Original Chinese Exclusion Act.

Minneapolis Times: The Chinese may have visited this country 1,500 years ago, as records recently found at Pekin seem to show—but it is evident that if they did, they had to go. In all probability the aboriginal American passed a Chinese exclusion act and enforced it with a tomahawk.

Bees the Best Weather Prophets.

Baltimore American: Insects are an unfailing indication of the state of the weather. Bees are excellent weather prophets. If there is to be a shower, the bees never go far from home, but gather their honey in the immediate neighborhood of their hives or nest.

Takes Royalty to Do It.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: It takes an emperor to call down a loquacious barber. When the Kaiser's barber grew a little too inquisitive concerning affairs of state his imperial patron calmly seized the tonsorial car and gave it a painful twist. This recalled the barber to his duties, and the imperial mustache.

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tabe was waxed in silence. But, of course, such rude hints can only be indulged in by royal customers.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

His New York Aunt—Then your little brother's education must have been neglected.

Boston Boy—Yes, indeed! Why, he doesn't know the rudiments of metaphysics.—Life.

Misses—Polish this furniture so as you can see your face in it. Bridget.

Bridget—Shure, ma'am, I'll be no need to. Olve got a lookin' glass to see me face in, mum.—Plek-Me-Up.

Neil—I do so love to hear Mr. Know-it-all talk. Isn't he delightful?

Belle—Yes; and so unintelligible. His conversation is just like magazine poetry.—Philadelphia Record.

Farmer Hornbeak—There's one good thing about golf, anyhow.

Farmer Dunk (skeptically)—Huh! What's that?

Farmer Hornbeak—Ye don't have to play it if ye don't want to.—Puck.

Dismal Dawson—Yes, lady, I am a man who has been rescued from the horrible drink.

Mrs. Wickwire—And then you fell?

Dismal Dawson—No'm; I fell first; fell in the canal.—Indianapolis Press.

"John and I are out again."

"What is the trouble now?"

"I sent me a pound of caramels and a note saying that I was in a serious management. I ought to make it last a week."—Chicago Record.

Tess—She's just the luckiest girl. She has got a lovely engagement ring.

Jess—Oh, other girls have lovely engagement rings.

Tess—Yes, but very few girls can show the ring off like she can. She's left-handed.—Philadelphia Press.

"I wish the newspapers could find some basis of agreement as to all these hold-ups and burglaries," said the professor.

"One of them says we are having a 'spike' of crime, and another calls it a 'revival' of crime. Confound it, it can't be both!"—Chicago Tribune.

"You have not gone to Europe, then, as you expected," said Mrs. Fosdick to Mrs. Spriggs.

"No," was the reply. "It is so difficult for Mr. Spriggs to leave his business, and I really couldn't go without him."

And then, I read the other day about a ship that broke her record. Think how dreadful it would be to be on a ship in the middle of the ocean with her record broken."—Detroit Free Press.

"Just a word," said the green goods swindler, as he parted, "when you open this box expecting to find \$2,500 in crisp, new bills, you will not find sawdust, but a substitute for sawdust, which is manufactured expressly for our trade. This is due to the Sawdust Trust having raised the price of sawdust. I hope you won't mind."

"Oh, not in the least," said the farmer.